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AUSTIN . . . On March 1, 2006, Texas wheat and sorghum stocks were up from a year ago according to figures released by the USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office.

Total stocks of wheat in all positions, at 53.4 million bushels, were up 19 percent from last year's level of 45 million bushels. On-farm stocks totaled 1.1 million bushels compared with 2.4 million bushels a year ago. Off-farm wheat stocks, at 52.3 million bushels, accounted for 98 percent of all wheat stocks.

Sorghum stocks on March 1 totaled 22.9 million hundredweight (cwt), up 3 percent from the previous year. On-farm stocks totaled 560,000 cwt compared with 1.1 million cwt a year ago. Off-farm sorghum stocks, at 22.3 million cwt, accounted for 98 percent of all sorghum stocks.

The Texas Field Office does not publish corn stocks on farms, but off-farm stocks, at 73.7 million bushels, were down 16 percent from a year earlier.

Total stocks of corn in the United States on March 1, 2006, were 6.99 billion bushels, up 3 percent from March 1, 2005. All wheat stocks were estimated at 972 million bushels in all positions, down 1 percent from March 1, 2005. U.S. stocks of sorghum totaled 108 million cwt, down 5 percent from March 1, 2005. Stocks of soybeans in all positions totaled 1.67 billion bushels, up 21 percent from March 1, 2005.